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Learning together in Faith and Joy

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School News

Weekly Attendance

Class R – 95.77%

Year 1 - 95.65%

Year 2 – 91.67%

Year 3 – 99.33%

Year 4 – 95.93%

Year 5 – 92.41%

Year 6 – 95.88%

Parents' Evening

We enjoyed meeting with you this week to discuss your child's progress and to share all the things they have been doing in school. As always we appreciate your support and value working with you to ensure our children are happy, healthy and enjoy school life.

Upcoming Information Sessions/ Workshops for Parents

E-safety Workshop

It is E-safety week in the first week after half-term. On the Wednesday we will be running 2 e-safety workshops for parents; a session at 2:30 which is repeated at 5:30. It is so important that we are all equipped to keep our children safe on-line so please come along. We would appreciate it if you could return the slip sent out last week if you are able to attend.

Thrive for Parents

Wednesday 14th November

Find out more about this approach during an information session to be held on in the school hall from 3:30 to 4:30.

Year 6 Parents' Information Evening

Thursday 15th November at 6pm

Please come along to find out how we can work together to prepare our children for SATs and the move to secondary school.

Have a wonderful half-term break and we will see you on Tuesday 6th November.

Well done to the following pupils who receive a Special Mention certificate in assembly today:

Class R – Henko, Grace, Lucy, Isaac

Class 1 – Mya, Brodie, Olivia, Joshua

Class 2 – Elsa, Lydia, Arran, Rocco

Class 3 – Josh, Zack, Oscar, Ellie

Class 4 – Theo, Charlie, Daisy C, Alexis

Class 5 – Lucas, Theo, Nancy S, Lydia

Class 6 – Tillie, Ellie, Ashton, Harris

School News

TOOSC

We are very pleased to announce that following a recent OFSTED inspection, TOOSC has been graded as outstanding. Congratulations children and staff alike!

School Twitter Account @ThurgolandPS

We now have a protected Twitter account to celebrate all the positive things happening in school. Children for who we have received 'Media' permissions from parents may have their photos included in Tweets. **If you would like to change the 'media' consents for your child please contact the school.**

10 Day Active Challenge

Half of our pupils completed the Active Travel Challenge and will receive a prize after half-term; thank you to all who supported this event. Thank you also to everyone who walked to school with us last Friday. Approximately one third of the school took part and we are hoping to increase this with our singing Santa Stroll on Friday 21st December; please look out for this event in subsequent newsletters. There was a significant impact on the amount of traffic around school on the day and parking was certainly easier. Dave Atherton has worked with the children to produce 5 minute walk zones around school and we will be looking to locate park and stroll sites around Thurgoland over the next few weeks.

Morning Routines

Could we please ask that parents use the pupil entrance to bring their children in to school and to leave the building in the mornings. Thank you.

Class 5 Mayan Workshop

Year 5 pupils are enjoying learning all about the Mayans this term, and participated in creative workshops on Thursday to bring the topic to life.

PFSA News

Bags to School

Bags are being collected on Tuesday 13th November. Please leave your bags in the shed in the walled yard on the morning of the 13th.

Clubs after half-term

Monday:

Dodgeball for Year 3/ 4 **at break times** – Mr Jordan

Tuesday:

Multi-skills - year 2

Art and craft –year 5 and 6 – Rosie Pearsall

Wednesday:

8 – 8:45 – hockey- Year 5 Mrs Barton

Yoga club for year 4 starting on Wednesday 14th November – children will bring home a letter about this.

Thursday:

8 – 8:45 – hockey - year 6 Mrs Barton

Cheerleading – Miss Lane - up to Thursday 22nd November – cheerleading competition is on Friday 23rd November

Choir – Mrs Davies

School band- Mrs Lee

Friday:

Musical Theatre – Team Activ year 2 to 6

Autumn Dates

- All clubs run from 3:30 to 4:30 unless otherwise stated. Friday 26th October – break up for half term
- Monday 5th November - INSET
- Tuesday 6th November – back to school
- Monday 12th November – Anti-bullying week
- Monday 12th November – year 6 trip to Crucial Crew and year 3 trip to Creswell Crags
- Tuesday 13th November Bags to school
- Wednesday 14th November – Learn to ride session for Year R, 1
- Thursday 15th November – Year 6 parents information evening 6pm
- Thursday 22nd November – Lights on Bikes session year 5 and 6
- Friday 30th November – School Christmas Fayre in school hall 3:30 – 5:30
- Monday 3rd December - LA Governing body meeting
- Monday 3rd December and Tuesday 4th December – Christmas wreathmaking
- Wednesday 12th December Polar Express family night - Infants 3:30 – 5:30, KS 2 6pm to 8pm
- Thursday 13th December Christmas dinner
- Monday 17th December
 - years 3 and 4 Christmas party
 - Classes R, 1 and 2 at Civic
 - Nativity dress rehearsal
- Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th December Class R, 1 and 2 Nativity in church
- Tuesday 18th December – Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party (disco and Buffet) 3:30 to 5:30
- Friday 21st December
 - Singing Santa Stroll – led walk to school
 - Christmas Jumper/ festive outfit Day
 - Class R,1 and 2 Christmas party
 - Break up for Christmas holiday

Sheila's Sporting News

Wow! What a fantastic week it has been for Team Thurgoland. Our super sports stars have kicked, dribbled and run their socks off with tremendous success.

On Friday a group of children from Y3/4 took part in a Fun Day at Wortley Rugby Club where they were given a taste of 'proper' Rugby alongside pupils from some Sheffield and local schools. Some of the children had never played such a challenging physical game before but they soon got the hang of things and ended the day with a Tag Rugby competition. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and a big thank you must go out to Wortley Club for organising such a superb event. Huge appreciation too, for the parents who were able to support us yet again and see first-hand the amazing sports which their children take part in.

On Monday some of our youngest members went along to Barnsley College where they competed against other schools in a football skills competition. Yrs 1 & 2 mixed teams honed their skills in various football related games ranging from dribbling around obstacles to shooting at goal.

Whilst both teams worked hard and tried their best, one of the teams 'Thurgoland Owls' finished in first position. Super Superstars! It is so good to watch these little ones as they move around the games learning and improving at each event.

Our supporting parents and grandparents were amazed, too as to how good their little footballers were and I must say Estelle, Lila and Poppy shone from the first touch of a ball. A future girls' team looks a certainty.

Monday after school took us to Penistone Grammar where a team of Y6 boys represented Thurgoland in a football qualifying tournament. Their first match was played defensively ending in a 0-0 draw, but they upped the attack and won the next two games decisively with a fantastic display of classy football.

The last match unfortunately was not ours for the taking and they were made to drive the game hard to the final whistle only to lose 2-1. Low sun was a factor, but non-the-less the opposition was a better team on the day.

Convinced that we had qualified for the next round, our hopes were dashed as we lost in goal difference by 1 goal only! Our team were superb both in the way they played and equally important in the way they behaved. Amazing kids; but we know that anyway, don't we.

On Wednesday, in glorious warm sunshine, 37 pupils travelled to Cannon Hall to compete in a Cross Country event. Each year group ran separately and achieved some brilliant results with many runners placed in the top 15. High positions were captured by Lola (1st), Jacob (2nd), Theo (3rd), Tadek (4th), Tilly (5th) Eliza (6th) and our youngster Ellie (8th)! What a spectacular achievement and effort from our super-duper athletes, with each year competing in a group of 50 runners. We are truly proud of each and every one of you. WELL DONE to every Team Thurgoland Ambassador this week.

We continue to go from strength to strength. Next term early morning hockey club will continue, though with a slight change. The days will be as follows :

WEDNESDAY - Y5 and THURSDAY- Y6.

The children are really enjoying the new times and are going into their lessons with more focus and energy.